MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether he is a fresh hand?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

308 * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many persons were appointed in the Co-operative Department by the Public Service Commissioner ;

(*b*) whether the vacancies in the Co-operative Department were notified by the Public Service Commissioner in the Government Gazette ;

(*c*) how many applicants submitted applications on the strength of the notification ;

(*d*) amongst the applicants, how many were males and how many females ;

(*e*) whether any competitive examination was held in selecting the candidates and making the appointments ; and

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names, qualification, caste, etc., of the applicants?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 16 Inspectors, 2 Clerks, 2 Clerk-Typists and 13 Peons were appointed on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

(*b*) Yes. The information is contained in the Public Service Departmental sheet of the Travancore Government Gazette dated 14th January 1936/1st Makaram 1111.

(*c*) 959.

(*d*) Males 945 and females 14.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The time and labour involved in preparing the statement are out of all proportion to the public utility served by it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know, without holding any competitive examination, how the Public Service Commissioner has made the recommendation ?

M. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : By considering the particulars contained in the application.

Competitive Examination for recruitment to Public Service.

309 * **MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the depressed class Hindus and Christians are exempted by the Public Service Commissioner from the competitive examinations ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 893/Genl., dated 25-6-1935, on Public Service Recruitment, and the Rules on the subject, published in the issues of the Gazette dated 25-6-1935 and 18-2-1936, respectively.

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